

Mr. C. P. Gopala Panicker: (a) Yes.

(b) Government have asked the Division Peishkar, Kottayam, the Inspector General of Police and the Examiner of Local Fund Accounts to conduct enquiries and to start prosecutions when called for.

(c) The reports have been received and the matter is under consideration.

Rent Control Order.

14. ***Mr. K. Shahul Hameed:** Will the Government be pleased to state the extent of the application of the Rent Control Order of 1119?

Mr. C. P. Gopala Panicker: The Travancore House Rent Control Order, 1120 has been made applicable at present to the following areas namely:—

1. Alleppey Municipality.
2. Alwaye Municipality.
3. Kottayam Municipality.

Mr. K. Shahul Hameed: May I know why the Rent Control Order has not been made applicable in places where the rent has gone high?

Mr. C. P. Gopala Panicker: If the rent has gone high in any place and if Government are informed about it necessary steps will be taken by Government to extend the Rent Control Order to that place.

Mr. K. Shahul Hameed: Is not the rent in Trivandrum a bit higher than in previous years?

Mr. C. P. Gopala Panicker: That information has not been brought to the notice of Government.

Mr. K. C. Chandy (Thodupuzha cum Minachil): May I know whether the Travancore Advocates' Association have not informed Government of the increase in rent in Trivandrum and the introduction of the Government Rent Control Order for the capital on that account?

Mr. C. P. Gopala Panicker: I am not aware of that.

Rent Control Order.

15. ***Mr. K. C. Chandy:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) to what all places the operation of the Rent Control Order was extended by notifications;

(b) whether there is any special reason why the same was not extended to the Corporation limits of the City of Trivandrum; and

(c) whether they are aware of the existence of circumstances justifying such extension to the City of Trivandrum as well?

Mr. C. P. Gopala Panicker: (a) The Travancore House Rent Control Order, 1120, has been made applicable at present to the following areas namely:—